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Phillis Johnson-Ball Environmental Filing Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street SW Washington, DC 20423

Re:

Proposed Canadian National Railway Acquisition of the EJ&E Railway Company STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Phillis,

Shorr Packaging Corp. is an employer located at 800 N. Commerce St. in Aurora, Illinois. We are a national distributor of packaging materials and equipment. This is our corporate headquarters and we have approximately 80 employees at this location. The west side of our property borders the EJ&E tracks.

We are <u>very</u> concerned about the proposed increase in train traffic from 15 to 45 trains per day, if the EJ&E Railroad is purchased by the Canadian National Railroad. We currently experience many problems with train traffic. For example, it is a common occurrence to have a freight train stop traffic at the Liberty Street crossing for over 30 minutes. With Liberty Street being the only convenient east/west street, employees are late to work, late returning from lunch, and late for meetings, etc. Not too long ago, we had several employees develop headaches from a diesel odor in our offices. We later found out that the diesel smell originated from a train that was stopped right behind our building earlier that day. Finally, as I'm sure you know, several months ago there was a fatality at the Liberty Street crossing. If train traffic increases, our current problems will only worsen.

Our hope is the acquisition won't go though, but if it does, infrastructure improvements must be made. Unless a bridge is constructed at Liberty Street and the bridge at North Aurora Road is expanded to two lanes, all east/west traffic in our immediate area will come to a grinding halt. More trains mean more pollution, which will dramatically affect our office environment. Finally, we already have a safety issue at the Liberty Street crossing. With increased train traffic, safety concerns will only escalate.

We strongly urge the Board to consider the total impact to the surrounding area and provide the necessary improvements to mitigate the problems caused by this sale. Please feel free to call me with any questions, concerns or comments that you have on this matter.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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